

Memo



Police Department
Professional Standards

To: Mr. Shawn Musgrave
From: Lt. Dwight Love
Date: 01-30-13
Re: Drone usage request

Upon review of our files; the Grand Forks Police Department does not possess and/or own a drone and therefore does not have any information as to cost allocations, budgets, and/or research information into purchasing an aerial drone.

Because we do not have or intend to purchase a "drone"; we do not have any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on the institutional use of drones.

On June 23rd and June 24th, 2011; our Regional SWAT team was requested by Nelson County Sheriff's Department for an arrest and search warrant involving armed suspects. During this activation of our Regional SWAT team; the Custom Border Patrol Air Security Unit was also requested. This involved the use of drones to oversee the operation.

Due to the fact that the Grand Forks Police Department do not own or operate this type of equipment, I cannot answer the questions you have asked such as: storage requirements, altitude in which they fly, and their ability to carry weapons.

Sincerely,

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